NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT PERMIT

FOR A SPECIAL WASTE LANDFILL UNDER

THE NORTH DAKOTA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES

FACILITY NAME: Basin Electric Power Cooperative - Antelope Valley Station SP-160

APPLICANT: Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bismarck, ND

BACKGROUND:

On September 1, 2005, Basin Electric Power Cooperative submitted a permit renewal application for its active special waste landfill at the Antelope Valley Station, regulated by the Department under Permit SP-160. The facility is generally located about two miles north of the plant site in Section 7, Township 145N, Range 87W of Mercer County. The landfill is 158.75 acres in size and contains a synthetic-lined evaporation pond. The landfill was originally permitted in 1995. Two surface impoundments are also included within SP-160, both lying on the plant site. The permit will identify three solid waste management units: (1) the landfill and Leachate Evaporation Pond, (2) the Spray Drier Ash Water Makeup Pond and (3) the Decantation Pond.

The Department believes that a permit which meets the requirements of the North Dakota Solid Waste Management Rules and is protective of human health and the environment can be issued to Basin Electric Power Cooperative and has prepared a Draft Permit for public review and comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARING

As required by Section 33-20-03.1-03 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, the Draft Permit will be available for public review and comment for thirty (30) days following publication of the Public Notice. During that period any interested person may submit written comments and request a public hearing by stating the nature of the specific issues to be raised. A fifteen (15) day notice will be provided before any hearing is scheduled. The North Dakota Department of Health will consider all comments prior to taking any action on the permit. Comments, questions, and written communication should be directed to:

Scott A. Radig, Director

North Dakota Department of Health

Division of Waste Management

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The Draft Permit and permit application are available for review during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Waste Management, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota. A copy of this Public Notice is also on the Department's website at: http://www.ndhealth.gov

Anyone requiring special access or accommodations to review the Draft Permit may contact the Department at 701-328-5166.